

and his compassion. He loved discussing everything from politics to poetry (which he quoted from memory) with friends and family.

A long-time resident of the Lucas Valley area, Dr. Miller enjoyed landscaping his yard, and he was a board member and President of the Lucas Valley Homeowners' Association.

Dr. Miller is survived by his wife Fusae Ito Miller; his children and stepchildren, Trudy Vriethoff, Susan Ray, Lori Callahan, Jeffrey Miller, Grace Bransford, and Robert Fleming and their spouses; and 5 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I always looked forward to seeing Ed Miller and will miss our lively discussions. Please join me in offering condolences to his family and friends.

#### TRIBUTE TO RONNY L. BEESLEY

#### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, on December 31, 2011, US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District employee, Ronny L. Beesley will retire after 40 years of service to his country. It is my pleasure to pay tribute to Mr. Beesley for all he has done for the people of Texas and the United States.

Mr. Beesley's long and distinguished career with the Federal Government began in October 1968 when he joined the US Army. Mr. Beesley served in Vietnam as part of the 1st Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division until June 1971. After leaving the Army, Mr. Beesley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University, in Kingsville, Texas.

Mr. Beesley started working with the Galveston District, Army Corps of Engineers in July 1975. He has held numerous positions with the Corps over the past forty years including: Civil Engineer in the Fort Point Area Office, Civil Engineer and Project Engineer in the Houston Area Office, he worked in the Construction Branch of the Construction Operations Division, General Engineer in the Plant Branch of the Construction Operations Division, and he was promoted to Chief of the Plant Branch in 1990 until he became the Chief of Management Support Branch in 1995. In July 1998, Mr. Beesley was again promoted to Senior Operations Project Manager, Project Operations Branch, and Operations Division. Mr. Beesley's outstanding work was recognized by the Galveston District in 2004 when he was selected as Employee of the Year.

In July 2010, Mr. Beesley was promoted to Chief of Project Operations Branch in the Operations Division of the Galveston District. His duties include managing and supervising Operations and Maintenance of the District's projects including Addicks/Barker Dams and Reservoirs, Brazos River Floodgates, Wallisville Lake Project and the Colorado River Locks. He is also responsible for overseeing expenses for Operations and Maintenance at the Neches Saltwater Barrier, as well as for inspection of projects built by the Government and operated by local sponsors. Mr. Beesley provides support/assistance to the Chief, Operations Division in areas of land and water resource management and is responsible for maintenance of the district's floating plant. Under Mr. Beasley's leadership, the Op-

erations Division acquired a new floating plant for the Galveston district.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ronny Beesley provided outstanding services to his country and his town as both a soldier and an employee with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District. It is therefore my pleasure to once again extend my congratulations and thanks to him as he prepares for retirement.

#### HONORING RETIRED MASTER SERGEANT NATHAN WEISER

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Retired Master Sergeant Nathan Weiser, on this the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a horror which by the grace of our Almighty God, Mr. Weiser survived.

After graduating from Albion College with a teaching degree in 1939, Nate Weiser enlisted in the newly formed United States Army Air Corps along with two of his friends in October 1940. All three men were sent to Hawaii as part of the 15th Fighter Group, 45th Fighter Squadron and were stationed at Pearl Harbor on the horrific day of December 7, 1941.

Retired Master Sergeant Weiser and his two friends were in the mess hall waiting in line for breakfast when the attack began. He recalls the planes flying low enough to be able to see the red scarves and goggles of the pilots hell-bent on destruction. After surviving the initial wave and the smaller second wave of enemy planes, it began to rain. Having lost the friends he enlisted with to the Japanese fury, Weiser and his unit headed toward a mountain fox-hole and spent some very uncomfortable nights in the flooded dugout.

In 1943, Staff Sergeant Nate Weiser was sent back to the mainland to attend special schooling. He was asked to serve as an Army officer and declined. Weiser requested to be sent back to the Army Air Corps and was assigned to Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. From there he was detailed to the 365th Fighter Bomber Group, 386th Squadron based out of Richmond, Virginia. Nate Weiser arrived in Normandy, France on June 13, 1944, a mere seven days after the initial invasion. As 1944 gave way to 1945, Weiser served in the grueling 40 day Battle of the Bulge. Master Sergeant Nate Weiser undoubtedly saw some of the fiercest combat in the history of these great United States and was released from service in August, 1945.

Mr. Speaker, Nathan Weiser has faithfully served and dutifully protected the citizens of the United States. Our nation owes him a deep debt of gratitude. He has been retired since 1996 after 55 years as a small business owner. He is blessed to enjoy life with his beloved wife of 65 years, Norma, their daughters Karen and Kendra and two granddaughters. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and acknowledging Master Sergeant Nathan Weiser for his years of loyal service to our community and country.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DR. R. SANDLIN LOWE, III

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe, III, MD for his outstanding contribution to Neuroscience and the treatment of brain disorders and injuries.

Originally from Coosa County, Alabama, Dr. Lowe obtained his MD from Tulane University in 1987. Currently on the Faculty of New York University School of Medicine with appointments in both the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Physiology and Neuroscience, he is the Consulting Neuropsychiatrist to the NYU School of Medicine Brain Research Laboratories and Collaborating Psychiatrist at the NYU Langone Center for Neuromagnetism. After 18 years of service and research (for which he was honored with a Congressional Award), Dr. Lowe has become a member of various research councils and health centers.

Dr. Lowe is an expert in Translational Clinical Neuroscience and Therapeutics and has created new paradigms for the conceptualization, evaluation, and treatment of consciousness spectrum disorders associated with brain injuries. In the past few years, for personal reasons, his efforts have focused on autism spectrum disorders.

Currently, Dr. Lowe and his colleagues are exploring small molecules, biological, cellular and regenerative medicine therapeutics, and applied field energy techniques to find new treatments for autism and brain injuries.

Dr. Lowe is a co-founder of the Global Alliance for Innovation in Neuroscience, to which he brings his experience and ability to creatively approach the study and management of coma and other brain injuries. Dr. Lowe possesses a remarkable energy with an unparalleled faith and optimism that are apparent in his approach to research and his dedication to patient care.

Dr. Lowe has recently been awarded a grant of over \$3.2 million from the Marcus foundation to study the safety and efficacy of cellular and regenerative medicine therapeutics in the treatment of autism. This work will be done by the GAIN labs at New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation in collaboration with the Stem Cell Institute in Panama, along with Inverion Technologies, Ltd. and Xplora Interactive India. Preliminary data from the individuals with autism who have received these treatments shows that these new methods are both safe and promising.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe, III, MD for the advancements he has made in the study and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, brain injuries, and other disorders.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NANCY COWLES

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Cowles, who was